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Subject: FW: Memo on Advancing State and Tribal Assumption of the CWA Section 404 Program

FYI...

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Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 3:08 PM
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Subject: FW: Memo on Advancing State and Tribal Assumption of the CWA Section 404 Program

FYI – AA Ross sent this memo to the RAs yesterday:

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Subject: FYI: Memo on Advancing State and Tribal Assumption of the CWA Section 404 Program

Hi everyone-

Passing this along fyi. We realize that you've been keeping Kathy Hurlid (and/or me) up to date regarding your states' and tribes' interest in assumption, including an update on the monthly call this past week (thanks!). But wanted to make sure you are aware that this memo was just sent to the regions yesterday, in the event you hear from your senior managers.

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Thanks!

From: Ross, David P

Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 11:19 PM

To: Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>; Lopez, Peter <lopez.peter@epa.gov>; Servidio, Cosmo <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>; Walker, Mary <walker.mary@epa.gov>; Stepp, Cathy <stepp.cathy@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Gulliford, Jim <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>; Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>; Stoker, Michael B. <stoker.michael@epa.gov>; Hladick, Christopher <hladick.christopher@epa.gov>
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Subject: Advancing State and Tribal Assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Program

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Advancing State and Tribal Assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Program

FROM: David P. Ross

Assistant Administrator

TO: Regional Administrators

Promoting cooperative federalism through increasing state and tribal assumption of the Clean Water Act section 404 program is a priority of mine. One important step for the Environmental Protection Agency in this regard is to modernize our CWA section 404(g) regulations to remove barriers to assumption of the program. Working closely with those states and tribes expressing an interest in assumption is also essential, even before we finalize the rulemaking process. I am excited to work with you to add to the ranks of Michigan and New Jersey, which already administer this program.

On September 20, 2018, Administrator Wheeler sent a letter to all Governors and Tribal Leaders affirming the role of states and authorized tribes to manage their aquatic resources and encouraging them to assume responsibility for the dredged or fill permitting program pursuant to section 404. He also encouraged state and tribal leaders to reach out to the EPA for assistance to assume the program.

Approval of state and tribal CWA section 404 programs requires the concurrence of the Office of Water, as well as the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance. Before we reach that stage in the assumption process, however, I ask that you actively engage with me so that my staff and I can help facilitate the overall effort, ensure nationally consistent yet flexible approaches, and efficiently concur on final packages requesting assumption. I recognize that where individual states and tribes have expressed an interest in assumption to date, your staff likely has reached out to mine. I want to emphasize that I intend to engage and work with you as we advance this important national initiative, and I have directed my staff to provide support and counsel for your efforts.

Please have your staff connect with Michael McDavit, Chief of the Office of Wetlands, Ocean and Watershed's Program Development and Jurisdiction Branch to apprise him of the status of your Region's state and tribal assumption efforts. Thank you in advance for your attention to this priority. I look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions.

Regards,

Dave

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Hurl, Kathy

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 11:50 AM

To: Hurl, Kathy; Vallette, Yvonne; Dean, Heather; Montgomerie, Robert; Martinsen, Jessica; Ott, Toney; Burdick, Melanie; Weaver, Kerryann; Harper, Cecelia; Palomaki, Ashley; Goldmann, Elizabeth; Calli, Rosemary; Chemerys, Ruth; Alafat, Beth; Kasperek, Lauren; Wesson, Dolores; Curtis, Glenn

Cc: Montella, Daniel; Melgin, Wendy; Woods, Diana; Hamilton, Karen; Kupchan, Simma; Feinmark, Phyllis; Shamet, Stefania; Mancusi-Ungaro, Philip; Pallesen, Reginald A.; McDavit, Michael W.; Brumm, Peter; Hicks, Matt; Speir, Jeffrey; Moffatt, Brett; Morgan, James; LeClair, Jacqueline; Frazer, Brian; Lapp, Jeffrey; Laabs, Chris; Bennett, Brittany; Laycock, Kelly; Przyborski, Jay; McGrath, Patricia; Warren, Nicholas; Szerlog, Michael; Ziegler, Sam

Subject: CWA 404(g) programs - (Monthly) Regional Call

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: call in **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Hi all,

Just putting these back on the calendar. For those who have no idea about these meetings, your predecessor or manager gave me your name. These meetings are updates on efforts related state and tribal CWA 404 programs. Sometimes it is me asking for review and input, sometimes it is updates on efforts here on HQ, and always we hear from each region regarding efforts of interested states and tribes as well as any relevant issues in those states (MI & NJ) that have assumed the program.

We do not have them every month, but I find it easier to cancel than find a time as needed.

- Kathy